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ARMOR-PIERCING AMMUNITION

for Gun, 90-mm, M3

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Introduction LASSIED

Various models of the latest enemy Armored Force Vehicles encountered and captured on the battlefield were shipped to the Ordnance Research and Development Center, Aberdeen, Maryland, for tests and examination. Ballistic tests revealed the need for armor piercing ammunition with greater penetrative power to defeat the thick oblique armor plate being used. Immediate steps were taken to provide our troops with ammunition for the 90mm guns which possess the required penetrative ability. Three armor piercing rounds for the Gun, 90mm, M3 have been developed and a detailed description of each and comparative penetration performances are presented in this brochure.

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SHOT, FIXED, H.V., A.P.-T., 90mm, T30E16.

Description. The Shot, H.V., A.P.-T., 90mm, T30E16 is issued as a fixed complete round for the Gun, 90mm, M3 mounted in Gun Motor Carriage, M36 or M36B1 and Heavy Tank, T26E3. The shot is a light weight projectile, consisting of a tungsten carbide core, aluminum body with nose plug and windshield and steel base tracer loaded.

Length:

Weight:

Purpose. This is a special hyper-velocity, armor piercing round for attack of heavily armored vehicles. It gives greatly increased penetrative performance up to 2,000 yards range over the standard A.P.C.-T., Projectile, 90mm, M82. It is especially effective at shorter ranges. Since tungsten carbide is a critical material these projectiles should be used sparingly and only when the situation requires increased armor penetration. This shot will penetrate all plates of the German

Pz Kpfw V "Panther" and "King Tiger" Tanks. IT WILL DEFEAT THE GLACIS PLATE OF THE "PANTHER" AT RANGES UP TO 450 YARDS AND OF THE "KING TIGER" AT 100 YARDS RANGE. UP TO RANGES OF 800 YARDS THE SHOT WILL PENETRATE THE GUN MANTLET AND TURRET FRONT OF BOTH THE "PANTHER" AND "KING TIGER" TANKS.

Firing Data. a. Aiming data charts are provided for use with the fire control instruments on the Gun Motor Carriages, M36 and M36B1 and Heavy Tank, T26E3. The use of these charts provides direct fire with the following rounds:

Shot, A.P.-T., T33 Projectile, A.P.C.-T., M82 Shot, H.V., A.P.-T., T30E16 Shell, H.E., M71

b. The following aiming data charts are contained in this brochure:

A.D.C. 90-B-1, 90mm Gun, (with muzzle brake) M3 on Heavy Tank, T26E3 with Coaxial Telescope, M71C and Periscope Telescopes, M77F and M80D.

A.D.C. 90-C-3, 90mm Gun, (without muzzle brake) M3 on Gun Motor Carriage, M36 or M36B1 with Coaxial Telescope, M76F.

c. Firing Tables are included in this booklet.

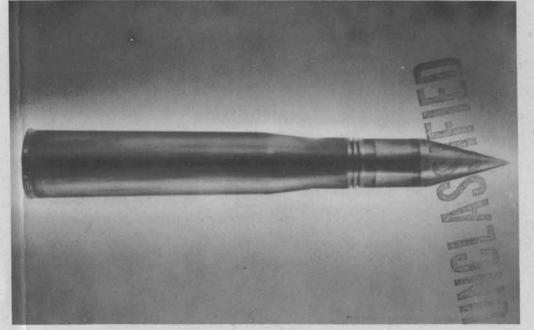
Accuracy. Accuracy firings from the M3 Gun with the rounds loaded for a MV of 3,400 f/s have been conducted with the T30 type shot at a vertical target over a range of 2,100 yards. The extreme horizontal dispersion was 17 inches and the extreme vertical dispersion 30 inches.

PENETRATION. A curve showing the comparison of penetration vs. range of Projectile, A.P.C.-T., M82 and Shot, H.V., A.P.-T., T30E16 when fired against homogeneous armor plate at 20° and 30° obliquity is contained in this report. Illustrations are included indicating results obtained with this shot against the "Panther" tank.

Marking. Special markings appear on each cartridge case, container and box in red paint.

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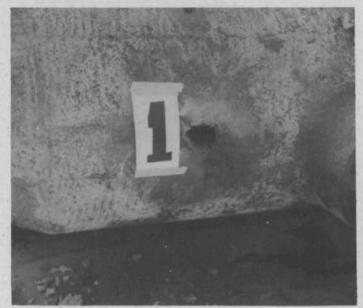
Shot, fixed, H.V., A.P.-T., T30E16 for Gun, 90mm, M3.



Shot, H.V., A.P., 90mm, T30E16.

GUN, 90MM, M3. SHOT, H.V., A.P.-T., T30E16. MUZZLE VELOCITY, 3350 F/S. WEIGHT, 16.7 LBS. C₇, 1.109.

Range	Elev.	Time of Flight	Max. Ord.	Terminal Velocity	Range	Elev.	Time of Flight	Max. Ord.	Terminal Velocity
yards	mils	seconds	feet	f/s	yards	mils	seconds	feet	f/s
0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500	0.0 0.4 0.9 1.3 1.8 2.3 2.8 3.3 3.8 4.3 4.8 5.3 5.9 6.4 7.0 7.6 8.2	0.00 0.09 0.18 0.27 0.36 0.46 0.56 0.66 0.76 0.86 0.96 1.06 1.17 1.28 1.39 1.50	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3350 3305 3260 3216 3171 3127 3083 3039 2996 2953 2910 2868 2826 2784 2742 2701 2660	1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 2500 2600 2700 2800 2900 3000 3100 3200 3300 3400	9.4 10.0 10.7 11.3 12.0 12.7 13.4 14.1 14.8 15.6 16.3 17.1 17.9 18.7 19.6 20.4 21.3	1.84 1.96 2.08 2.20 2.32 2.45 2.57 2.70 2.83 2.96 3.09 3.23 3.37 3.51 3.66 3.80 3.95	14 15 17 20 22 24 27 29 32 36 39 42 46 50 54 59 64	2580 2540 2500 2461 2422 2383 2345 2307 2269 2232 2195 2159 2123 2087 2052 2017 1982
1700	8.8	1.73	12	2620	3500	22.2	4.11	69	1948



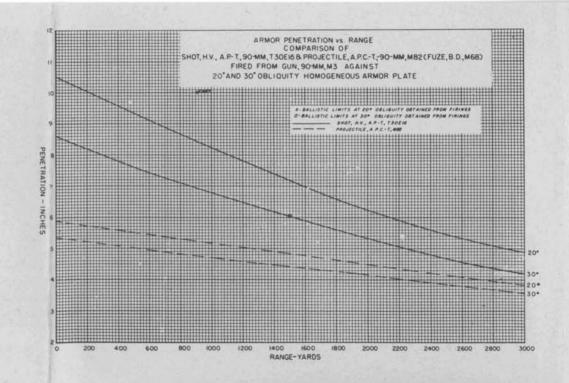
Complete penetration of gun mantlet and turret front plate has been obtained against the German Pz Kpfw V "Panther" Tank by Shot, H.V., A.P., T30E16 at a range of 800 yards.



Complete penetration at the juncture of machine gun ball mount with the glacis plate of German Pz Kpfw V "Panther" Tank by Shot, H.V., A.P., T30E16 at a range of 800 yards.



Complete penetration of lower nose plate of German Pz Kpfw V "Panther" Tank. Shot, H.V., A.P., T30E16 fired at a range of 600 yards.



SHOT, FIXED, A.P.-T., 90mm, T33. Description. The 90mm Armor Piercing Shot T33 is issued as a fixed complete round for the Gun, 90mm, M3 mounted in Heavy Tank, T26E3 and Gun Motor Carriages, M36 and M36B1. The shot is a modification of the standard AP, M77 which has been reheat-treated and to which a ballistic windshield has been attached.

Length:	
Shot14.78	in.
Complete round	
Weight:	
Shot	lb.
Complete round	lb.
Muzzle Velocity 9 800	f lo

Purpose. This is the most effective shot for the defeat of high obliquity caliber thickness homogeneous armor plate. The shot will defeat all plates of the German Pz Kpfw V "Panther" Tank except the gun mantlet. It will penetrate the glacis plate of the "panther" tank up to 1,100 yards range.

FIRING DATA. a. Aiming data charts are provided for use with the fire control instruments on the Gun Motor Carriages, M36 and M36B1 and Heavy Tank, T26E3. The use of these charts provides direct fire with the following rounds:

Shot, A.P.-T., T33 Shot, H.V., A.P.-T., T30E16 Projectile, A.P.C.-T., M82 Shell, H.E., M71

b. The following aiming data charts are contained in this brochure:

A.D.C. 90-B-1, 90mm Gun, (with muzzle brake) M3 on Heavy Tank, T26E3 with Coaxial Telescope, M71C and Periscope Telescopes, M77F and M80D.

A.D.C. 90-C-3, 90mm Gun, (without muzzle brake) M3 on Gun Motor Carriage, M36 or M36B1 with Coaxial Telescope, M76F.

c. Firing Tables are included in this booklet.

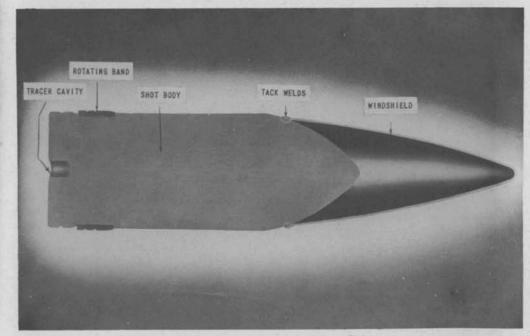
Accuracy. Accuracy firings have been conducted with the T33 round loaded for a M.V. of 2800 f/s and fired from a standard 90-mm Gun over a range of 700 yards at a vertical target. An extreme horizontal dispersion of 16 inches and an extreme vertical dispersion of 19 inches was obtained.

PENETRATION. Armor penetration curves for the shot compared with the standard A.P.C.-T., M82 Projectile when fired against homogeneous armor plate at 20° obliquity are contained herein. Included are illustrations of results obtained, with this shot, against the German Pz Kpfw V "Panther" Tank.

Marking. A special marking in black appears on each cartridge case, container and box:

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Shot, fixed, A.P.-T., T33 for Gun, 90mm, M3.



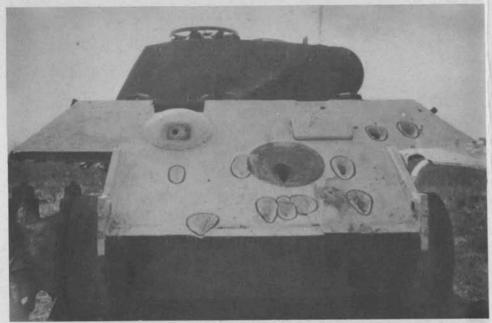
Cross Section of Shot, A.P., 90mm, T33.

GUN, 90MM, M3. SHOT, 90MM, A.P.-T., T33. MUZZLE VELOCITY, 2800 F/S. WEIGHT, 24.06 LBS.

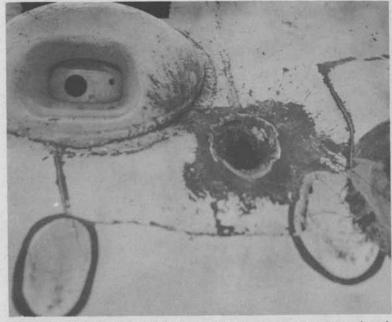
Range	Elevation	Time of Flight sec	Maximum Ordinate feet	Terminal Velocity f/s	Range yards	Elevation mils	Time of Flight sec	Maximum Ordinate feet	Terminal Velocity f/s
0	0.0	0.00	0	2800	1800 1900	12.8 13.6	2.11 2.24	18 20	2328 2302
100 200	0.6 1.2 1.9	0.11 0.22 0.33	0	2774 2747 2720	2000	14.4	2.37	23	2276
300 400	2.5	0.44	Ö	2694	2100 2200	15.2 16.0	2.50 2.63	26 29 32 35	2250 2225
500 600	3.9	0.55	1 2	2668 2642	2300 2400	16.9 17.8	2.77 2.91		2200 2174
700 800 900	4.6 5.3 6.0	0.77 0.88 1.00	3	2615 2588 2562	2500 2600	18.7 19.6	3.05	38 41	2149 2123
1000	6.7	1.12	5	2536	2700 2800 2900	20.5 21.4 22.3	3.33 3.47 3.62	45 49 53	2097 2072 2048
1100 1200	7.4 8.1	1.24 1.36	6 7	2510 2484	3000	23.3	3.77	58	2023
1300 1400	8.9 9.6	1.48 1.61	10	2457 2431	3100 3200	24.3 25.3	3.92 4.07	63 68	1998 1973
1500 1600	10.4	1.73 1.85	12 14	2405 2379	3300 3400	26.3 27.3	4.22 4.38	68 73 78	1948 1924
1700	12.0	1.98	16	2353	3500	28.3	4.54	84	1900

GUN, 90MM, M3. SHOT, 90MM, A.P.-T., T33. MUZZLE VELOCITY, 2800 F/S. WEIGHT, 24.06 LBS.

Range	Elevation	Time of Flight	Maximum Ordinate	Terminal Velocity	Range	Elevation	Time of Flight	Maximum Ordinate	Terminal Velocity
yards	mils	sec	feet	f/s	yards	mils	sec	feet	f/s
3600	29.4	4.70	90	1876	5500	53.7	8.16	270	1452
3700 3800 3900	30.5 31.6 32.7	4.86 5.02 5.19	96 103 110	1852 1828 1804	5600 5700 5800	55.2 56.8 58.4	8.37 8.58 8.80	284 299 314	1432 1412 1392
4000	33.8	5.36	117	1781	5900	60.0	9.02	330	1373
4100	35.0	5.53	124	1758	6000	61.7	9.24	346	1354
4200 4300 4400	36.9 37.4 38.6	5.70 5.87 6.05	132 140 149	1734 1711 1688	6100 6200 6300	63.4 65.1 66.9	9.46 9.69 9.92	363 381 399	1335 1316 1298
4500	39.8	6.23	158	1666	6400	68.7	10.16	418	1280
4600	41.1	6.41	167	1644	6500	70.5	10.40	438	1262
4700 4800 4900	42.4 43.7 45.0	6.59 6.78 6.97	177 187 197	1622 1600 1578	6600 6700 6800	72.4 74.3 76.3	10.64 10.89 11.14	459 481 503	1244 1227 1210
5000	46.4	7.16	208	1556	6900	78.3	11.39	526	1193
5100 5200	47.8 49.2	7.35 7.55	219 231	1535 1514	7000	80.4	11.65	550	1177
5300 5400	50.7 52.2	7.75 7.95	243 256	1493 1472				out muzzle brake m 0.6 mils to all value	



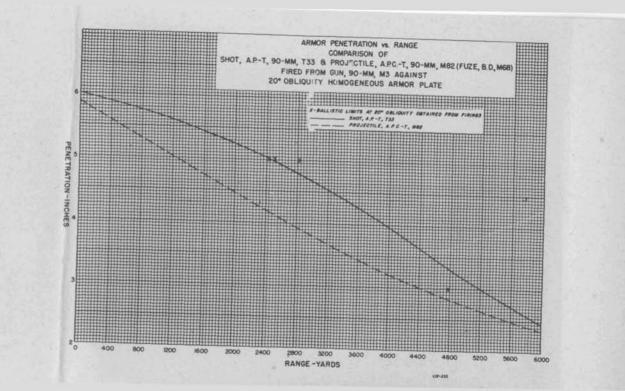
German Pz Kpfw V (Panther) Tank, before firing.



German Pz Kpfw V (Panther) Tank; Complete penetration at 500 yards with Shot, A.P., 90mm, T33.



Complete penetration of glacis plate of German Pz Kpfw V (Panther) Tank by Shot, A.P., 90mm, T33 at a range of 1000 yards.



Projectile, Fixed, A.P.C.-T., M82 (2,800 f/s M. V.) DESCRIPTION. The M82 armor piercing projectile is issued as a fixed complete round for the Gun, 90mm, M3 mounted in Heavy Tank, T26E3 and Gun Motor Carriages, M36 and M36B1. The projectile has an armor piercing cap, ballistic windshield and an Expl. "D" bursting charge which is functioned by the Fuze, B. D., M68.

Length:		
	Projectile	d
	Complete Round	e
Weight:		
	Projectile24.11 lb.	
	Complete Round	
Muzzle	Velocity	

Purpose. The muzzle velocity of this round is 2,800 f/s. The armor piercing cap makes this projectile especially efficient against thick face hardened armor plate. The bursting charge makes it extremely effective when penetrations are obtained. Penetrations can be obtained on all plates of the "panther" and "king tiger" tanks except for the glacis plate and the gun mantlet.

FIRING DATA. a. Aiming data charts are provided for use with the fire control instruments on the Gun Motor Carriages, M36 and M36B1 and Heavy Tank, T26E3. The use of these charts provides direct fire with the following rounds:

Shot, A.P.-T., T33 Shot, H.V., A.P.-T., T30E16 Projectile, A.P.C.-T., M82 Shell, H.E., M71

b. The following aiming data charts are contained in this brochure:

A.D.C. 90-B-1, 90mm Gun, (with muzzle brake) M3 on Heavy Tank, T26E3 with Coaxial Telescope, M71C and Periscope Telescopes, M77F and M80D.

A.D.C. 90-C-3, 90-mm Gun, (without muzzle brake) M3 on Gun Motor Carriage, M36 or M36B1 with Coaxial Telescope, M76F.

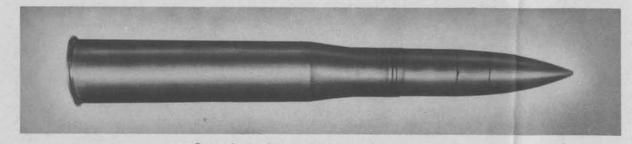
c. Firing Tables are included in this booklet.

Accuracy. Firings for accuracy with the round loaded for a M. V. of 2,800 f/s from the M3 Gun over a range of 2,100 yards at a vertical target gave an extreme horizontal dispersion of 41 inches and 70 inches extreme vertical dispersion.

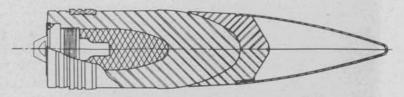
PENETRATION. Armor penetration vs. range curves for the projectile when fired against 20° and 30° obliquity homogeneous armor plate are included in this booklet. Illustrations showing the results of firings of this round against plates similar to those of the "Panther" tank are presented following this discussion.

MARKING. Special markings are painted in black on each cartridge case, container and box.

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Projectile, fixed, A.P.C.-T, M82 for Gun, 90mm, M3.



Cross Section of Projectile, A.P.C.-T., 90mm, M82.

GUN, 90MM, M3. PROJECTILE, A.P.C.-T., M82. FUZE, B.D., M68. MUZZLE VELOCITY, 2800 F/S. WEIGHT, 24.11 LBS.

Range	Elevation	Time of Flight	Maximum Ordinate	Terminal Velocity	Range	Elevation	Time of Flight	Maximum Ordinate	Terminal Velocity
yards	mils	sec	feet	f/s	yards	mils	sec	feet	f/s
0	0.0	0.00	0	2800	1900	13.4	2.21	20	2357
100	0.6	0.11	0	2777	2000	14.2	2.34	22	2334
200 300 400	1.3 1.9 2.5	0.22 0.33 0.44 0.55	0 0 1	2753 2729 2706 2683	2100 2200 2300 2400	15.0 15.8 16.6 17.4	2.47 2.60 2.73 2.86	24 27 30 33	2311 2288 2265 2242
500	3.9	0.66	0	2660	2500	18.3	3.00	36	2220
600 700 800 900	4.5 5.2 5.9	0.77 0.88 1.00	3 4	2636 2612 2589	2600 2700 2800	19.2 20.0 20.9	3.14 3.28 3.42	39 43 47 51	2198 2176 2153
1000	6.6	1.12	5	2566	2900	21.8	3.56	51	2130
1100 1200 1300 1400	7.3 8.1 8.8 9.5	1.24 1.36 1.48 1.60	6 7 8 10	2543 2520 2496 2473	3000 3100 3200 3300	22.7 23.6 24.5 25.4	3.70 3.84 3.99 4.13	55 59 64 69 74	2108 2086 2063 2041
1500	10.3	1.72	19	2450	3400	26.4	4.28	74	2019
1600 1700 1800	11.1 11.8 12.6	1.84 1.96 2.08	14 16 18	2427 2403 2380	3500 3600 3700	27.4 28.4 29.3	4.43 4.58 4.73	79 84 90	1997 1975 1953

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GUN, 90MM, M3. PROJECTILE, A.P.C.-T., M82. FUZE, B.D., M68. MUZZLE VELOCITY, 2800 F/S. WEIGHT, 24.11 LBS.

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GUN, 90MM, M3. PROJECTILE, A.P.C.-T., M82. FUZE, B.D., M68. MUZZLE VELOCITY, 2800 F/S. WEIGHT, 24.11 LBS.

Range	Elevation mils	Time of Flight sec	Maximum Ordinate feet	Terminal Velocity f/s	Range	Elevation	Time of Flight sec	Maximum Ordinate feet	Terminal Velocity f/s
3800 3900	30.3 31.3	4.88 5.04	96 102	1931 1910	5700 5800 5900	53.2 54.6 56.1	8.19 8.39 8.59	272 285 299	1547 1528 1509
4000 4100 4200	32.4 33.5 34.5	5.20 5.36 5.52	109 116 123	1889 1868 1847	6000 6100	57.5 59.0	8.79 8.99	313 328	1491 1473
4300 4400	35.6 36.7	5.68 5.85	130 138	1826 1805	6200 6300	60.5 62.0	9.20 9.41	343 359	1455 1437
4500 4600	37.9 39.1	6.02	146 154	1784 1763	6400 6500	63.6 65.2	9.62 9.84	375 392	1419
4700 4800 4900	40.3 41.5 42.7	6.36 6.53 6.71	163 172 182	1743 1722 1701	6600 6700 6800	66.8 68.5 70.2	10.06 10.28 10.50	410 428 447	1384 1366 1349
5000 5100	44.0 45.3	6.89 7.07	192 202	1681 1662	6900 7000	71.9 73.6	10.73 10.96	466 486	1333 1316
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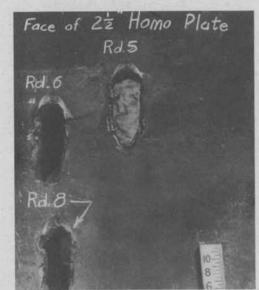
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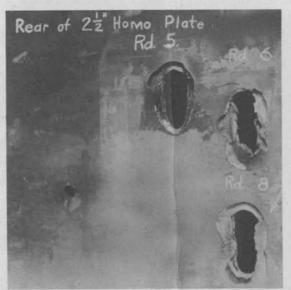
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When firing with the 90mm Gun, M3 without muzzle brake mounted in the Gun Motor Carriages, M36 or M36B1, add 0.3 mil to all values of elevation.



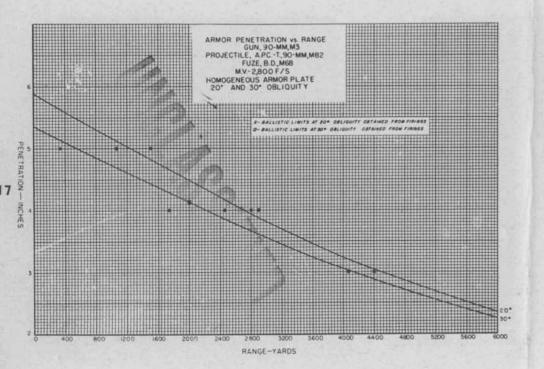
Complete penetration of Projectile, A.P.C., M82 (2800 f/s M.V.) fired against 2.5 in. of homogeneous armor plate at 55° obliquity. (Lower nose plate of "Panther" Tank is 2.4 in. at 55°.) Penetration obtained at the following ranges: Rd. 5, Point Blank; Rd. 6, 650 yards; Rd. 8, 950 yards.

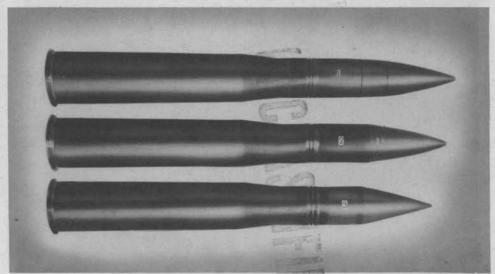


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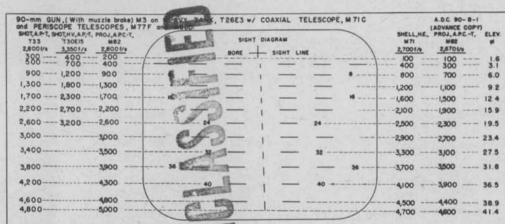


Projectile, A.P.C., M82 (2800 f/s M.V.) fired against 1.5 in. of homogeneous armor plate at 50°. (Side superstructure plate of "Panther" Tank is 1.5 in. at 40°). Penetration obtained at the following ranges: Rd. 9, 4800 yards; Rd. 10, 5450 yards; Rd. 11, 5850 yards.



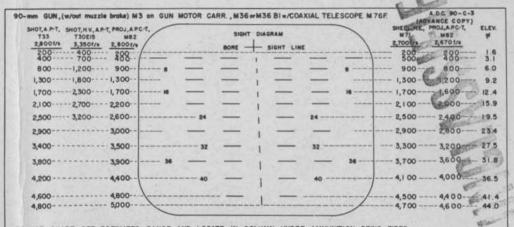


Complete rounds for 90mm Gun, M3. No. 1—Projectile, A.P.C.-T., 90mm, M82, No. 2—Shot, A.P.-T., 90mm, T33; No. 3—Shot, H.V., A.P.-T., 90mm, T30E16. All rounds assembled with Case, Cartridge, 90mm, M19.



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